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Title: VENTILATED CLOSURE STRIPS FOR USE IN PACKAGING FOOD
PRODUCTS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	19
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This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/718,002, filed November 21, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/187,389, filed November 6, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,202,260. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/357,608, filed February 4, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US99/26261, filed November 5, 1999, revived by petition filed on April 9, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/187,389, filed November 06, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,202,260. PCT Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US99/26261 claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/159,489, filed October 14, 1999 and also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/228,819, filed April 16, 1999, which was converted to a Provisional Patent Application from a Utility Application Serial No. 09/293,257.

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